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For: VISCOELASTIC CHARACTERISTIC VALUE-MEASURING APPARATUS
AND METHOD OF MEASURING VISCOELASTIC CHARACTERISTIC
VALUE

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 2001

Dear Sir:

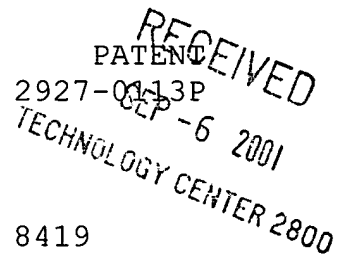
Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated June 5, 2001, please enter the following amendments and comments.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A viscoelastic characteristic value-measuring apparatus, using a split Hopkinson's bar, having an impact bar, input bar, and an output bar. The input bar has a first strain gauge and a second strain gauge. The output bar has a third strain gauge and a fourth strain gauge. The input bar and the output bar are made of a viscoelastic material, and a specimen is in between the input bar and the output bar. The length of said output bar is set to a range from 500mm to 2500mm both inclusive. The length of said input bar is set to a range from 1500mm to 2500mm both inclusive.



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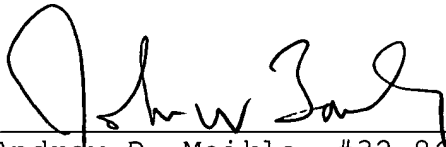
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	15	-	20	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	2	-	3	=	0	\$80	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$270	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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